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#### 1. EPA CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO RCRA LANDFILL LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTES

The EPA is said to be reconsidering a controversial proposal that may open hazardous waste landfills to low-level radioactive waste by regulating them under subtitle C of the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA). The plan addresses Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerns about diminishing disposal capacity for these wastes and the increasing cost to decommission nuclear facilities. A big concern is whether RCRA landfills housing low-level nuclear waste could later be used for new construction and development. Currently, most low-level nuclear waste is disposed of at NRC-licensed facilities, but some states allow its disposal in RCRA landfills on a case-by-case basis. The agency's plan would establish a uniform national policy. Pressure is building from the NRC and the nuclear industry to find alternative locations, especially with the impending partial closure of a major facility in Barnwell, SC next July. However, environmentalists and others are concerned that RCRA landfills could leak low-level radioactive waste into surrounding soil and groundwater; and, that radiation from the waste could boost the volatility of other hazardous materials in the landfill, thus increasing potential health risks...[Read More »](#)

#### 2. FEDERAL E-WASTE LEGISLATION TO ADOPT PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY APPROACH

Lawmakers working on federal e-waste legislation are touting a consensus-based extended producer responsibility approach, as described in a concept paper, a precursor to what might become the National Electronic Products Stewardship Act. Manufacturers, retailers and recyclers would share the task of setting up and running a national program to collect, transport, and recycle e-waste. Existing state e-waste laws would not be preempted if the law is enacted, but it would serve as a floor for future state controls, the paper said. Federal requirements would apply immediately in states without e-waste laws, and states would be free to set limits more stringent than those that the federal law imposes. The EPA would establish recycling rules and run the national program. Federal requirements would take precedence, but states wanting to do more could apply to EPA for "lead implementing agency" status. The draft proposes to cover CRT devices, flat panel video display devices with screens larger than 4 inches and desktop and laptop computers. The EPA could add or remove products from the list...[Read More »](#)

#### 3. WASTE SERVICES TO SELL FLORIDA OPERATIONS FOR \$57 MILLION

Waste Services Inc agreed to sell its hauling and materials recycling operations and construction and demolition debris landfill at Jacksonville, Florida to Advanced Disposal Services Inc for \$57.5 million in a deal expected to close in early March. The company will retain ownership of the Jacksonville materials recycling and hauling facilities and lease them to the purchaser. They plan to use \$42.5 million of the proceeds to

reduce term loans and meet operational needs...[Read More »](#)

**4. GREENPEACE REPORT DETAILS GLOBAL PROBLEM OF E-WASTE**

A recent Greenpeace report chronicles the dumping of millions of tons of discarded electronic equipment containing toxic chemicals and heavy metals every year without recycling or safe disposal. According to the report entitled "Toxic Tech: Not in Our Backyard," more than 80 percent of televisions, computers, mobile phones and other equipment escape proper handling in the United States, and about 75 percent in the European Union. In India, 99 percent of such "e-waste" is mishandled. "The introduction of appropriate reuse, recycling and recovery technologies is not keeping pace" with growing sales, said the report. More than 1 billion mobile phones were sold last year alone. A mobile phone contains 500 to 1,000 components, many of them containing potentially dangerous metals like lead, mercury, cadmium and beryllium, as well as hazardous chemical flame retardants. In the EU where producer responsibility has been legislated since August 2005, there has been more success than in the US where "a relatively unsophisticated infrastructure" exists to collect and process e-waste; however, several states are requiring producers to have take-back schemes. Much of what Greenpeace calls the "hidden flow" of hazardous waste is exported to countries like India, China and Thailand. Workers in those countries strip down the goods to recover components for second-hand equipment or to harvest valuable metals and raw materials in a process that is dangerous to their health and to the environment...[Read More »](#)

**5. ANOTHER GUILTY PLEA IN FEDERAL PROBE OF CONNECTICUT WASTE INDUSTRY**

The ongoing federal probe of a mob-backed scheme to control the waste hauling industry in Connecticut and east New York has netted another guilty plea. This time it is Thomas Milo, 70, of Mamaroneck, NY who was a silent partner with trash magnate James Galante on several hauling companies, including Automated Waste Disposal, Diversified Waste Disposal and Superior Waste Disposal. The two were masterminds of a scheme that paid a \$120,000 monthly "mob tax" to Matthew Ianniello, former reputed head of the Genovese crime family, in return for mob muscle to make sure that other trash firms would agree to keep prices high and to not poach one another's customers. Ianniello is currently in prison after pleading guilty to racketeering conspiracy and tax charges. As a condition of the guilty plea, Milo and his wife must forfeit all interest in the affiliated companies. Milo, Galante and Ianniello are among 29 people named in a 2006 federal indictment...[Read More »](#)

**6. COVANTA HOLDING 4Q EARNINGS SURGE 24% ON HIGHER REVENUES**

Covanta Holding Corp. said its fourth-quarter net earnings rose to \$72.3 million, or \$0.47 per share, from \$11.9 million, or \$0.08 per share, a year ago. Revenue for the period ended Dec. 31 rose to \$395.4 million from \$317.9 million a year earlier well ahead of analysts' estimates of \$358.8 million. The waste-to-energy company continues to benefit from a very strong energy market coupled with rising waste disposal pricing, particularly in the Northeast and southeast where most of the company's projects are located. The company is forecasting 2008 earnings to be between \$0.90 and \$1 per share...[Read More »](#)

**7. ENVIRONMENTALISTS ATTEMPT TO APPLY RCRA TO DIESEL EMISSIONS**

Environmental groups including the Natural Resources Defense Council and others are said to be testing an innovative legal approach to attack air pollution not usually subject to the Clean Air Act. They charge that

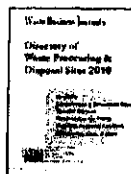
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solid particulate matter (PM) emissions from diesel fuel at ports around the country constitute the improper disposal of hazardous waste. Albeit a long shot, if successful, it would render the Clean Air Act superfluous by making PM violations from any source potentially a violation of RCRA. NRDC and the California group Coalition for a Safe Environment are suing the Port of Long Beach, CA, arguing that the facility is improperly disposing of wastes such as arsenic, cadmium, nickel, lead, mercury and other compounds "while attached to or associated with diesel particulate matter." Other attempts by environmentalists to apply RCRA to other regulatory programs have generally been unsuccessful. In 2005, local groups in Idaho failed to win a suit aimed at regulating crop-burning residues under RCRA...[Read More »](#)

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#### 8. CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY TO RAISE TIP FEES BE 25%

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA) this week approved a 25% increase in the tip fees it charges to the 70 municipalities that constitute its Mid-Connecticut Project. CRRRA argues that the increase is needed to cover the cost to close its Hartford landfill and to ship waste to other sites and out of state. Attorneys for the municipalities argue that the increase "smacks of retaliation" for a recent lawsuit settlement in their favor related to the Enron debacle. The increase adds \$28 million to the budget which is just about the amount awarded to the towns in the settlement. The CRRRA counters that the board voted in 2004 to close the landfill and therefore, it should come as no surprise. Currently, CRRRA's appeal is still pending with the state Supreme Court...[Read More »](#)

#### 9. PORTLAND, ORE. WANTS TO MANDATE BUSINESS RECYCLING

Portland Oregon city officials are pursuing the final frontier in waste: business recycling. The city's phased-in recycling mandate will ultimately make it mandatory for businesses to recycle all paper, cardboard, and food and drink containers, and 75% of their construction debris. Portland has required businesses to recycle half of their waste since 1996, joining Seattle, Chicago, San Diego County and others with business-recycling mandates. Portland businesses already claim to recycle 63% of the waste generated but businesses are wary of mandates and non-market based systems to push it higher. The City Council is also said to be considering a franchise system that assigns haulers a specific territory in exchange for volume discounts and contractual mandates including those for recycling as an alternative. The franchise system has many efficiency benefits resulting from better routing, reduced truck volume, and waste volume consolidation at transfer, processing and disposal sites...[Read More »](#)

#### 10. DANISH WASTE-TO-ENERGY FIRM BABCOCK & WILCOX

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**V&OSLASH;LUND WANTS TO ENTER US**

Danish waste incineration technology company Babcock & Wilcox Vølund wants to enter the American market. The US has increased its focus on converting waste to energy following the climate debate and the Danish company wants to find an American license partner for a future cooperation...[Read More »](#)

**11. ENGLOBE REPORTS 4Q LOSS OF \$1 MILLION FROM RESTRUCTURING COSTS**

Environmental services company Englobe Corp. reported a fourth quarter net loss of \$1 million, down from net income of \$1 million in the year earlier period. This despite a 58% rise in revenues to \$39.8 million from \$25.2 million in last year's quarter. The company, formerly known as Environmental Management Solutions Inc., attributed the loss to restructuring costs of \$1.6 million, larger depreciation and amortization expenses, and higher interest charges. The company's acquisition of Biogenie S.R.D.C. Inc. in late 2006 has helped to enhance company margins from more lucrative soil assessment and remediation activities...[Read More »](#)

**12. WASTE SERVICES TO ANNOUNCE FOURTH QUARTER AND 2007 RESULTS ON FEB. 27**

Waste Services, Inc. will release its 2007 fourth quarter results after the close of markets on Wednesday, February 27 and hold a conference call the next day at 8:30 a.m. (ET)...[Read More »](#)

**13. WASTE INDUSTRIES USA TO ANNOUNCE FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS ON MAR. 4**

Waste Industries USA, which has announced plans to go private late last year, will release fourth quarter and full year financial results at the close of the market on Tuesday, March 4. The Company will host an analyst conference call to discuss those results on the following day at 2 p.m. (ET)...[Read More »](#)

**14. CASELLA TO ANNOUNCE THIRD QUARTER AND HOST CONFERENCE CALL ON MAR. 6**

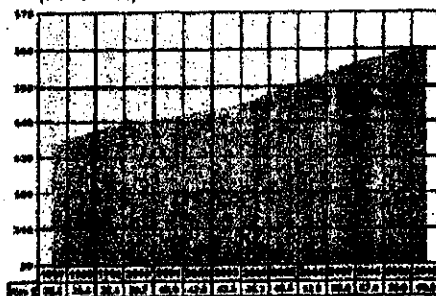
Casella Waste Systems plans to release fiscal year 2008 third quarter financial results (for the period ending January 31, 2008) at the close of market on Wednesday March 5. The company will host a conference call the following day at 10 am (ET) to discuss those results...[Read More »](#)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 9:12 AM  
**To:** Bernard Miller  
**Subject:** RE: John McCain is breaking the law

Bernard --

I'm Joe Sandler, General Counsel for the DNC. Yesterday we filed a complaint with the FEC after John McCain decided to break the law by ignoring the rules laid out as part of the federal matching funds program.

I don't know if you saw the news, but the press covered the complaint all day. John McCain himself directly responded to Governor Dean at a press conference, saying "We're doing exactly what Howard Dean did in a previous election and what the FEC ruled in the case of Congressman Gephardt."

But that's a lie -- John McCain isn't doing what Governor Dean and Congressman Gephardt did at all.

Governor Dean and Congressman Gephardt followed the law and were granted written permission by the FEC to withdraw from the federal matching funds program.

To prove it, we have a copy of the letter Governor Dean received from the FEC in 2003 granting him permission to drop out. If McCain is doing "exactly what Howard Dean did," he'll have no trouble producing a letter of his own.

But you and I know McCain's lying -- he doesn't have a letter like that from the FEC. Not only has he refused to get permission, he's been warned by

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FEC Chairman David Mason that he can't unilaterally drop out of the program. That's why we filed the complaint in the first place, and it's why tens of thousands of Americans like you signed your support.

Read Governor Dean's letter from the FEC, and sign your support for our complaint right here:

<http://www.democrats.org/McCainBusted>

John McCain abused the system to keep his campaign afloat until he could raise more money from special interests and lobbyists. Taxpayers don't want their money to be used by Washington politicians to help raise more money from lobbyists -- is this McCain's idea of ethics and reform?

Thanks to you, this "maverick reformer" is feeling the pressure of his own hypocrisy. From staffing his campaign with a team of lobbyists to breaking campaign finance laws, his total lack of integrity has never been more clear.

Keep it up,

Joe Sandler  
General Counsel  
Democratic National Committee

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**Subject:** John McCain is breaking the law  
**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2008 03:50:11 PM  
**From:** Howard Dean  
**To:** Joe Sandler

## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Dear Joe,

There was a lot of talk last week about John McCain's blatant hypocrisy on ethics and integrity in Washington.

Here we go again.

McCain is now breaking the law by ignoring the campaign spending restrictions for the Republican primary that came when he asked for federal matching funds -- funds he used as collateral on a loan that helped keep his campaign going.

But now that the lobbyist and special interest money has started pouring into his campaign,



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he's trying to back out of the promise he made just a few months ago. They're feeding so much cash into his bank account, this "reformer" wants nothing to do with federal campaign finance laws anymore.

That's why today, we're filing a formal complaint with the Federal Election Commission demanding that John McCain be held to the campaign finance laws. Trying to back out shows a total lack of integrity and honesty -- he made a deal with the American people to abide by the law, and in return, he was guaranteed taxpayer money that he used to back a loan.

Joe, I'd like you to add your name in support of our complaint, and ask as many people as you can to sign on. American taxpayers made a deal with John McCain -- now that he's flush with lobbyist cash, he wants to pretend that it never happened.

Sign on right now:

**<http://www.democrats.org/McCainBusted>**

Here's the background on the situation.

A few months ago, John McCain applied for and was approved to receive federal matching funds. Because he couldn't find enough people to fund his campaign, he was also forced to apply for a \$4 million line of credit, which he secured by using the federal matching funds as collateral.

By taking the federal funding, he agreed to spend no more than \$57 million until the Republican convention. But so far, his campaign has spent at least \$49 million -- leaving him with less than \$10 million to campaign with through September.

Now that he's won the nomination and has the support of the Republican lobbyist and special interest machine, he's trying to ignore that the whole thing ever happened. He recently wrote a letter to the FEC telling them that he was backing out, even though the FEC is very clear that any request to withdraw from the agreement must be approved; you can't just change your mind and take it back -- legally, you have to be given permission.

McCain isn't asking because he knows he'll never be granted permission, and he doesn't want to have to accept the funding restrictions he agreed to when he used the money as collateral for a loan. He's ripping a page right from George Bush's playbook: ignoring the laws when they aren't convenient and hoping no one will notice.

Stand up and show him that hundreds of thousands of people have noticed -- he can't change the rules in the middle of the game because he doesn't like how things are going for him:

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Using government programs when it's politically convenient and breaking the rules when it's not ... remind you of anyone?

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Just like George Bush, John McCain thinks he's above the law. McCain poses as a reformer, but seems to think reforms apply to everyone but him.

Time to send him a message.

Howard Dean

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Her article was adapted in the [Los Angeles Times](#) and linked on [FrontPageMag.com](#) 02-25-08 and [RealClearPolitics.com](#).

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##### Heather Mac Donald on WLW's "Mike McConnell Show"

Today, February 27, 2008, Heather Mac Donald, John M. Olin fellow at the Manhattan Institute and *City Journal* contributing editor, appeared on WLW's "Mike McConnell Show" to discuss her latest *City Journal* article "[The Campus Rape Myth](#)."

#### FROM THE BLOGOSPHERE

[The campus rape myth](#), RedBlueAmerica.com, 02-26-08

[Heather Mac Donald on Campus Rapes](#), NRO, 02-25-08

[Heather Mac Donald exposes the campus rape industry](#), MichelleMalkin.com, 02-24-08

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#### ARTICLES

##### School Choice Isn't Enough

[Sol Stern](#), Opinion Journal Federation Page, February 27, 2008

(This article also appears in the [winter issue of City Journal](#))

I began writing about school choice in *City Journal* more than a decade ago. I believed then (as I still believe) that giving tuition vouchers to poor inner-city students stuck in lousy public schools was a civil rights imperative. . . It seemed immoral to keep disadvantaged kids locked up in dismal, future-darkening public schools when vouchers could send them to high-performing Catholic ones--especially

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when middle-class parents enjoyed education options galore for their children. . .

## MI RESPONDS TO THE FLORIDA BLACKOUT

### TELEVISION

#### Max Schulz on CNN Headline News' "Glenn Beck Show"

Today, Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 3:15 PM EST, Max Schulz, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute's Center for Energy Policy and the Environment will discuss the implications of the power outage that hit Florida yesterday on the nationally syndicated "Glenn Beck Show."

#### Max Schulz on Fox Business Channel's "Cavuto"

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#### Feeling Less Kumbaya

Gerard Alexander, The Claremont Institute, February 26, 2008

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**Paul Howard on WPTF's "Morning News with Jack Boston"**

This morning, Wednesday, February 27, 2008, Paul Howard, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute's Center for Medical Progress, discussed Presidential candidates' health care proposals on the "Morning News with Jack Boston," airing out of Raleigh, NC.

**David Gratzter on WIBA's "Upfront with Vicki McKenna"**

On Tuesday, February 26, 2008, David Gratzter, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute's Center for Medical Progress, discussed health care reform on "Upfront with Vicki McKenna," airing out of Madison, WI.

**WEB MAGAZINES****PointofLaw.com****Sexual Harassment Bait and Switch**

Posted by Hans Bader

In sexual harassment cases, many courts play a game of bait and switch with employers. When they want to hold the employer liable, they claim that harassment requires no showing of wrongful or discriminatory intent at all, making the employer liable even for conduct that unintentionally offended the plaintiff, such as speech that the plaintiff overhears and is offended by. But when it comes time to impose or collect damages, they suddenly switch positions and claim that harassment is not only intentionally discriminatory, but willful and malicious. . .

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**Subject:** FW: pipeline opportunities conference March 25 in Houston

### **Alaskan Gasline Team to Discuss North Slope Pipeline at Pipeline Opportunities Conference**

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is sending her gasline team to Houston on March 25 to update attendees at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pipeline Opportunities Conference with the latest news on the proposed North Slope natural gas pipeline project.

The announcement comes amid increasing pressure from Washington lawmakers to get moving on the landmark project quickly. Palin has made no secret of her determination to see a pipeline built with or without the support of the major producers. Her gasline team is holding statewide meetings on the project and the trip to Houston will mark their first presentation outside of Alaska.

Pipeline & Gas Journal Editor Jeff Share, who has organized the conference, said the gasline team's presentation is a rare opportunity to learn first-hand about the project that will affect the entire industry for years to come.

"There are new developments almost every day regarding the project and just as many questions because it's the granddaddy of all pipelines," Share said. "This will be an opportunity to hear for the first time what is really happening for those in the know."

The gasline delegation fills out an array of speakers representing pipeline interests from the tip of North America to the bottom of South America. They will speak during the lunch break following a report by Jackie Broussard and the Great Ideas Company entitled "A New Approach: The Positive Economic Value Pipelines Bring To Our Economy And Communities." She will present research findings from 100 plus industry executives who endorse non-traditional thinking for the pipeline industry.

Petrobras, Brazil's national energy company which has rapidly grown into a major force in the Western Hemisphere, will detail more than \$10 billion in pipeline projects over the next five years; its new technological developments, and its plans to transport ethanol.

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The conference will include two morning sessions on oil products pipelines, represented by keynote speaker Norm Szydlowski, president and CEO of Colonial Pipeline Co., and panelists Perry Schuldhaus of Enbridge Pipelines; Robert Jones of TransCanada's Keystone Pipeline project; Mike Mears of Magellan Midstream Partners, and Cheryl Trench of Allegro Energy Consulting.

In the afternoon, an extended session will convene to discuss project development in the natural gas transmission sector, represented by Bryan Neskora of El Paso Corp.; Mackie McCrea of Energy Transfer Midstream Operations; Mike Moran of Southern Union Group; William Penney, Jr., of Spectra Energy; Kim Watson of Kinder Morgan, and Doug Evans of Gulf Interstate Engineering.

Sessions will also be held on workforce and environmental issues. Speakers will also represent GE Oil & Gas; Bechtel; Beirne, Maynard & Parsons; and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), which is sponsoring the event with P&GJ.

The conference will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency at 1200 Louisiana St., Houston. A limited number of rooms are reserved. For information, contact the hotel at 713-654-1234 and ask for the conference rate of \$169.

To register for the conference visit [www.pgionline.com](http://www.pgionline.com) or contact conference manager Karen Francis at 281-558-6930 x 222. The cost is \$225 in advance and discounts are available for others registering from the same company.

### **Contacts**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:15 AM  
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: General\_Administration

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:11 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** General\_Administration

.Web mail from: Mr. Ron Hess  
address: PO Box 1357 Homer AK 99603  
907-235-3449 520-625-2240

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Just to let you know I thought you did a creditable job on C-Span the other day. I thought you answered most questions in a knowledgeable way.

Right now I'm at our "winter quarters" in Arizona, but Marilyn and I plan to return to Alaska in April. While here I joined the Minuteman organization and I must say I was impressed the way the outfit handles itself. Immigration is my big worry as far as the US is concerned.

Advice: Stay away from the VP slot, tempting as the idea may be. Run another term as governor and you will be ready for a national slot as you will be known for your honesty and forthrightous manner. Yes, it's the simple things that count.

Your loyal voter,

Ron Hess

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:12 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Kari L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: RE: Play & Learn West

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**From:** Bill Slayden [mailto:bill@slaydenplumbing.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:03 PM  
**To:** Therriault, Gene (LAA); Wilken, Gary R (LAA); Thomas, Joe (LAA); Harris, John (LAA); Coghill, John (LAA); Representative Scott Kawasaki; Ramras, Jay B (LAA); Kelly, Mike (LAA)  
**Cc:** Pastor - Zion Fairbanks; Pastor Baumgarten; Lenetta Colbert; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Julie Benson  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Play & Learn West

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Fairbanks, Alaska. I hope you are concerned about the early childhood development/child care crisis in our community. Please read the dialog below. Phil Newton is the President of our congregation and Lenetta Colbert is the Executive Director of Open Arms, Zion's early childhood development mission.

Our State, with its immense riches, needs to help those least able to help themselves. A State that can spend 10's of millions of dollars for a Fairbanks fish hatchery ought to be able to care for its youngest citizens.

Thank you,  
 William L. Slayden

*lenetta <openarmsdir@gci.net> wrote:*

Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 11:08:00 -0900  
 From: lenetta <openarmsdir@gci.net>  
 Subject: RE: Play & Learn West  
 To: "'Phil G. Newton'" <PGNewton@gvea.com>,  
 'Philip Kuehnert' <pastor@zionfairbanks.org>,  
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Phil—Please find attached my response. lenetta

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**From:** Phil G. Newton [mailto:PGNewton@gvea.com]

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 1:42 PM

**To:** Phillip Kuehnert; lenetta; Julie Benson

**Cc:** careyatkinson@hotmail.com; bcslayden@yahoo.com; bill@slaydenplumbing.com; chelms@ptialaska.net; jatc375@acsalaska.net; delaine\_368@hotmail.com; Kerry Gronewold; milne@mosquitonet.com; slundgren@mtmckinleybank.com; sandslundgren@gci.net; johansen@mosquitonet.com

**Subject:** Play & Learn West

Good afternoon Pastor, Lenetta and Julie,

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Is this an opportunity for Open Arms to expand? If so, could it lead to an opportunity for a church plant?

I know these are big questions. Should we explore?

God's peace,

Phil

Phil Newton, CSP, CUSA

**From:** lenetta [openarmsdir@gci.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 9:11 PM

**To:** 1 Colbert

**Subject:** RE: Play & Learn West

Good Afternoon Phil:

I have thought long and hard about your question. Here are some of the thoughts I have at this time. Please note they are my own opinions and have not been discussed formally with the Open Arms Board or with either Pastor Joe or Pastor Kuehnert.

First of all, Open Arms is THE center in town. With the closures of Educare last spring, Play & Learn East in August and now Play & Learn West, parents have few choices for center-based care. In conversations with Cheryl Keepers at the Child Care Assistance Office, she notes that there are about 4400 children under age 6 in need of care in the borough. However, there are only 2200 licensed child care slots. Is this an opportunity for Open Arms to expand?

My first reaction is to say an informed "No". In conversations with Gara Bridwell, Executive Director of Play & Learn, and with the former Director of Educare, the story is always the same: Centers lose money because parents can't afford the true cost of care. To compensate for this centers do not pay their staff well. Staff turnover is high (432 in 2.5 years for Open Arms) and the quality of care and education for our very important young children suffers. And just in case we have forgotten, this is the age when a child's brain grows the most, and when certain windows of learning open and close, never to be "re-learned" in quite the same way. We have certain scientific evidence (PET scans) which proves this to even the most skeptical person. Christ is brilliant—he created all of these young children and knew for certain that they were the most important in His kingdom! Solid research by several different firms shows the huge return on each dollar spent on quality early childhood education—an average of \$7!! It is definitely "patient capital", but an investment that clearly saves taxpayers down the road in remedial costs for education, the penal system, etc., not to mention the positive impact on our future community.

I have been in the early childhood profession for 30+ years. The story hasn't changed. Society in general sees child care as a family responsibility and not a societal concern. Without debating the reasons children are in childcare, the number of children in care has only increased during this time. These young children grow up without quality care and education in their youngest and most formative years and become the people who will take care of us, teach our grandchildren and run our country. Whether or not you believe young children should be in child care is really a moot point, because they are

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and will continue to be. The cost of providing care will continue to climb as standards for teaching staff are raised. How will Centers be able to continue to provide care? How will Open Arms be able to survive, let alone expand? As you are aware, we currently struggle to make ends meet and are dependent on church assistance of \$14,000 per year and fundraising dollars of \$50,000 per year.

I am aware that one of the mission goals for Zion is to add satellite centers in the borough. Now seems like a good time? If we are indeed serious about the expansion, I would suggest the following:

1. A special committee be appointed to look at the possibility of expanding. They would need to consider financing, staffing and location.  
This committee should include members from the business community, early childhood community, and from both the Open Arms Board and Leadership Council. I would suggest a meeting with Gara Bridwell as well.
2. Setting up a separate training unit for staff as part of Open Arms. This would be a unit that runs year around and whose sole purpose would be to train new and current staff. By setting up our own training we could by pass the need for our teacher assistants to obtain degrees. This would be similar to what the military does.
3. Increasing the rates to pay for the actual cost of care in all facilities, but offering significant scholarships for low income families who qualify for state assistance.
4. Conducting a demographic study to see if our community could support both expansion and an increase in rates—in some cases almost double the current rates.

Finally, I know that our God is a God of the impossible. He has proven over and over again to me personally and to the Zion congregation. I would suggest that much prayer and study go into any thought of expansion.

I would also welcome your thoughts as to other possibilities for expansion or items to consider.

Joy in the Great Teacher! lenetta

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** Philip Kuehnert; lenetta; Julie Benson  
**Cc:** careyatkenson@hotmail.com; bcslayden@yahoo.com; bill@slaydenplumbing.com; chelms@ptialaska.net; jalc375@acsalaska.net; delaine\_368@hotmail.com; Kerry Gronewold; milne@mosquitonet.com; slundgren@mtmckinleybank.com; sandslundgren@gci.net; johansen@mosquitonet.com  
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Phil Newton, CSP, CUSA  
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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 6:12 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: cathie russell  
address: po bx 2696 seaward AK 99564

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I can't help but be troubled by media reports that say if you were asked to be a vice presidential running mate for John McCain, you would consider it. With all the your perceived dedication to improving the state of Alaska---I feel that your political ambition outweighs your focus on Alaska. Alaskans voted for you to lead our state into a fiscally sound and prosperous era and you are admired and adored by your Alaskan populous. Of course, I know the likely hood of you becoming a vice presidential running mate is not likely, but how do you think Alaskans would feel if you are already considering moving on to a more glorious pursuit. We love you Governor Palin---- please hang around while and help our state----you are young and I'm sure that you have a promising political career-- just spend a little more time building a legacy for Alaskan..and yourself here in the 49th state. Cathie Lynn Russell

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:36 AM  
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 6:13 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Mr. Toby Sullivan  
address: P.O. B ox 3047 Kodiak, AK 99615  
907-360-8837

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin-

I am in Washington to cover the Exxon oral arguments before the Supreme Court for the Anchorage Press. I will be in the press section of the courtroom tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. I am also a plaintiff in the case- my family and I have fished salmon at our setnet sites on Kodiak since 1983.

I realize you are quite busy and this is very late notice, but I was wondering if you would have a few minutes to talk about the Exxon case while you are in Washington. I did not realize until last night that you would be in Washington this week or I would have tried to set this up sooner.

I am the reporter from Kodiak who wrote a piece for the Press last spring about my time in Iraq as an embedded reporter with the Marines. You sent me a very gracious letter about the piece, which I much appreciated. It's always nice to get fan mail. My son and I also met you in Kodiak for your inauguration party last year, though there were a lot of people there and I wouldn't expect you to remember us.

Thank you for considering my request,

Toby Sullivan  
907-360-8837 cell

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:39 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: RSVP Today for WTCAL Luncheon with Ron Peck, President and COO, Alaska Travel Industry Association

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**From:** World Trade Center Alaska [mailto:info@wtcak.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:32 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** RSVP Today for WTCAL Luncheon with Ron Peck, President and COO, Alaska Travel Industry Association



World Trade Center Alaska Monthly Luncheon

March 5, 2008



**Ron Peck, President and COO**  
**Alaska Travel Industry Association**

**Topic "International Travel Update"**

Ron Peck has been President and COO of the Alaska Travel Industry Association for over five years. Ron has a substantial, diverse, and long travel and tourism background of 30 years. His career began as a reservations and customer service agent for Alaska Airlines in Juneau in 1977. He served in a variety of Sales and Marketing capacities in Anchorage, Juneau and Seattle. He climbed the ranks in Seattle to eventually become director of marketing for Alaska, Russia and Canada. In 1991, he went to work as director of sales and marketing for Princess Tours and Princess Alaska Lodges. Immediately before coming to ATIA, Peck served as director of sales and marketing for Alyeska Resort.

Ron also is a member of the Public Advisory Committee, for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, and served on Governor Palin's Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) Transition Team.

**Where:** Wells Fargo Bank, Headquarters Building (Northern Lights and "C"  
Fifth Floor

**Time:** 12 noon (doors open 11:45 am)

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:23 AM  
**To:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Matching Funds for Anchorage Pool Repair Bonds

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**From:** Mike & Marcia Harmening [mailto:aliken@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 7:22 PM  
**To:** rep\_reggie\_joule@legis.state.ak.us; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); pcrosby@ak.net  
**Subject:** Matching Funds for Anchorage Pool Repair Bonds

Dear Rep. Joule,

Swimming skills save lives.

All three of my children have learned to swim in public pools. Without access to these facilities, my family would not be as safe on Alaska waters. We simply cannot afford an athletic club membership and do not have access to military base pools. Alaska has three times the national drowning rate. Please don't let Alaska's children and future adults add to this tragic statistic.

Also, Bartlett Pool is the only 50-meter competitive pool in the state. Swimmers from all over Alaska travel to Anchorage to swim in this unique venue. Public pools are a state asset. It would be a colossal waste not to maintain the facilities that so greatly enhance our quality of life in this wonderful state. Please appropriate funds to match the Anchorage Pool Bond.

Sincerely,

Marcia Harmening

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**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 4:50 PM  
**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: LA

It will be Q&A with you and Gov. Napolitano. Moderator is Karen Breslau (Newsweek San Fran Bureau Chief who interviewed you).

In the binder that we sent up this evening, which should be in the Anchorage office tomorrow, we have a full agenda including list of those on the agenda who will provide welcome remarks.

Included is this information from my conversation with Karen:

Karen Breslau will be the moderator. She will visit with both governors before taking the stage to discuss the conversation and how she anticipates the event will unfold. Karen said it would be a "conversation" between two "such accomplished governors from very different places on the political spectrum." She said, "Two governors just dishing!"

"Tell her (Governor Palin), 'Just bring your brain,'" Karen said. She anticipates that the conversation will include:

- ? Notion of partisanship - how you've overcome it as you've served in public office.
- ? How both governors have managed to be very successful in taking a non-partisan approach to problem solving ... discuss particularly in light of presidential campaign.
- ? Talk about governors' impressions - of the presidential campaign, Napolitano has come out for Obama - will ask if Governor Palin is going to endorse.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 4:38 PM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** LA

Beth- will I be giving a speech in LA, or just answering questions on a panel?

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 1:51 PM  
**To:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Fradley; Tara D (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Rep. Joule's nephew

Do I know the person? I'm wondering if I'm missing something with this request from Janice.

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**From:** Kris Perry  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin  
**To:** Tara Fradley  
**Sent:** Feb 27, 2008 1:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Rep. Joule's nephew

I talked w/Janice and they were hoping for a phone call to him. I will get his number and have it for you tomorrow in case you call (unless you need sooner). We will send a condolence letter.

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 1:34 PM  
**To:** Fradley, Tara D (GOV)  
**Cc:** Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** Rep. Joule's nephew

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**From:** Silveraurora [silvera@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 3:27 PM  
**To:** Gerlach; Robert F (DEC); 'theider'; McLaughlin; Joseph B (HSS); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Ryan; Kristin J (DEC); Fuller; Jay D (DEC); Rice; Cherie L (DEC); Havemeister; Franci A (DNR); Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); rainy4279@aol.com; rep\_carl\_gatto@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_mark\_neuman@legis.state.ak.us; goatmilk@gci.net; rqw@mtaonline.net; safallon@aol.com; Huggins; Charlie (LAA); Green; Lyda N (LAA); artemisdreaming@hotmail.com; rep\_anna\_fairclough@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_craig\_johnson@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_scott\_kawasaki@legis.state.ak.us; Roses; Bob (LAA); Edgmon; Bryce E (LAA); Guttenberg; David (LAA); Kelly; Mike (LAA); Seaton; Paul (LAA); Wilson; Peggy A (LAA); Butler; Jay (HSS-CDC); Castrodale; Louisa J (HSS); 'Silveraurora'; tfarm@mabtel.coop; Havemeister; Franci A (DNR); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); agusty@ktva.com; Shattuck; Rex (LAA); 'Heather Christensen'; 'Heather Fair'; ralph@akchip.com  
**Cc:** DEC Legislative Contacts  
**Subject:** RE: 367

Dr. Gerlach, I appreciate your comments below and taking the time to address this issue. Where in this House Bill does it say that raw milk sold to the consumer will only be consumed raw? It does NOT. While many consumers prefer to drink raw milk much as they prefer to eat raw fish in Sushi Bars and Steak Tartar (ground raw beef) in some of the finest restaurants in Alaska, this law does not prohibit the consumer from pasteurizing the milk they take home from a farm **if they so choose**. To jump to the conclusion that all Alaskans will drink only fresh raw milk purchased in it's raw state is preposterous. To require all Alaskans to cook their milk before consumption is **equally preposterous**. The enzymes and natural cultures present in raw milk makes some of the finest fresh artisan cheeses in this world today. If I want to buy raw milk and make fresh cheese for myself and my family, I am intelligent enough to follow directions and do so. The present law PROHIBITS MY ABILITY TO DO SO legally.

We in Alaska do not need a law that requires us to cook all raw fruits, raw vegetables, raw meats, raw fish, nor raw eggs, nor do we need a law requiring us to cook (or purchase only cooked) milk. The right to purchase fresh raw products from local producers including raw milk is in place, by law, in the majority of states in the United States, **preserving the rights of citizens, RELIGIOUS CULTURES, ETHNIC CULTURES, and the citizen's right to freedom of choice.**

From Christianity Today magazine, February 27, 2008:

**"3. You gotta fight for your right to raw milk**

Milk that comes straight from the cow tastes a lot different than the kind you buy in the store. Partly, that's because pasteurization kills off the bacteria and destroys the milk's vitamins. In response a lot of farmers, including many Christians, drink their milk raw. Unfortunately for them, it's illegal to sell raw milk. But you can drink your milk from your own cow. Some farmers sell shares of their cows and give the "owners" their raw milk.

You can be sure that plenty of farmers are watching the case of Arlie Stutzman, who was busted for selling an undercover agent raw milk. "While I can and I have food, I'll share it," said Stutzman, who is Amish. "Do unto others what you would have others do unto you." "We know people are deprived of this real food," he told The Washington Post."

I don't believe that I need to go into great detail here on behalf of the many ethnic and religious cultures present in Alaska today, including Amish as an example above, and each group's

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specific milk procurement and handling dictations, but will be happy to if needed. We are reminded to respect those ethnic cultures and religions in Alaska that require raw milk as part of their practices. The population of Alaska is not solely made up of Ethno-Europeans – all Alaskans should be treated fairly and equitably and have the right to purchase raw milk directly from the producer.

Those of us who are asking our state Representatives and Senators to allow Alaskans to join the **\*majority\*** of the states allowing the sale of raw milk directly from the farmer to the consumer are only requesting the right to procure the freshest, most wholesome product for our selves and our families. What an individual does at home with anything legally purchased should be left up to that individual, not a department of the Government of Alaska that is in place to serve Alaskans. In this society of up to the minute internet conversations and education there is no need for the state to prohibit the sale of raw milk directly from the farmer to the consumer **any longer**. There is no need any longer for the government to hold my and other's hands and tell me that I and others are a bad person for purchasing **any** fresh item from the local producer of my choice – purchase raw milk for personal use, whatever that use may be in the privacy of our homes, to include but not limited to drinking it cooked, raw, or white-washing a barn with it. Since one of the DEC's inspectors **\*this week\*** has told a local Grade A milk producer to cease and desist from selling raw milk via cow shares, **ALL** raw milk sales in Alaska are now said to be illegal and I just will not just sit and allow an outdated law to take away my right to choose without standing up for my rights and those of my fellow Alaskans. There is no reason for Alaskans to purchase and have flown in fresh raw milk from another state. I am asking our State Representatives and Senators to continue to support the rights of it's citizens to have the freedom to choose, to include the purchase of fresh raw milk from the producer of each individual's choice. There is no longer a need for the state to require the delivery of all raw milk produced in this state to a state-owned creamery; nor is there a need any longer for the state to protect it's financial investments in the repeatedly-failed state-sponsored dairies of the 80's and 90's. That dismal chapter in our state's history is closed! It is time to move on and allow the citizens of Alaska to buy fresh raw milk from the small or large producer themselves and to support Alaska's economy. It is time to allow the citizens of Alaska the **freedom of choice without fear of legal prosecution**, that legal right which the majority of other US citizens have already in place. Please let the citizens of Alaska have the legal right to purchase any farm product produced in this state, including farm fresh raw milk, as they so choose.

With respect,  
Suzanne Nevada  
District 15  
Wasilla  
907-373-2687

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**From:** Gerlach, Robert F (DEC) [mailto:bob.gerlach@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:19 PM  
**To:** theider; McLaughlin, Joseph B (HSS); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Easton, Dan (DEC); Ryan, Kristin J (DEC); Fuller, Jay D (DEC); Rice, Cherle L (DEC); Havemeister, Franci A (DNR); Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); rainy4279@aol.com; rep\_carl\_gatto@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_mark\_neuman@legis.state.ak.us; goatmilk@gcl.net; rqw@mtaonline.net; safallon@aol.com; Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Green, Lyda N (LAA); artemisdreaming@hotmail.com; rep\_anna\_fairclough@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_craig\_johnson@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_scott\_kawasaki@legis.state.ak.us; Roses, Bob (LAA); Edgmon, Bryce E (LAA); Guttentberg, David (LAA); Kelly, Mike (LAA); Seaton, Paul (LAA); Wilson, Peggy A (LAA); Butler, Jay (HSS-CDC); Castrodale, Louisa  
**Cc:** Silveraurora; DEC Legislative Contacts  
**Subject:** RE: 367

Ms. Heider,

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I appreciate your email and feel that it is your right and responsibility to question the regulations and ask for a justification of why they are in place. At this time the regulations regarding the sale and processing of dairy products prohibit the sale and distribution of raw milk in Alaska. This is consistent with the regulations of 21 other states. I thought you should know the topic of raw milk is very popular and being discussed in several states. Many authorities have been consulted and in order to protect the public health the following agencies and groups to oppose the sale and distribution of raw milk to the public due to the health hazards associated with the product.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services  
 American Medical Association  
 American Veterinary Medical Association  
 American Academy of Pediatricians  
 American Public Health Association  
 Centers for Disease Control  
 Federal Food and Drug Administration  
 International Association for Food Protection

National Farm Bureau  
 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
 National Environmental Health Association  
 National Association of Food and Drug Officials

It is not my intention to prohibit or deny your choice to drink raw milk but it is the position of this office and the Department of Health and Social Services to protect public health. That is why neither this office nor the Department of Health and Social Services can support the sale and distribution of raw milk to the public.

I have had similar questions regarding the ones that you have raised about the other raw foods and the risk of food borne diseases. The degree of risk varies depending on the origin of the food product, how it is raised, how it is handled and marketed and how it is handled (stored and cooked) by the consumer. There is no doubt the risk associated with raw foods is much greater. Chicken, beef, eggs and some seafood although sold raw are handled in such a manner to reduce the contamination with disease causing pathogens and these are intended to be cooked to eliminate any pathogens that may be inherently present in the product. The public health Officials in Alaska as well as the federal agencies regulating foods try to minimize the disease risk to the public by requiring certain procedures to be followed at critical handling or processing steps each specific to the type of food. For milk, pasteurization has been the process used to reduce the risk of food borne diseases. The goal is to minimize the risk as much as possible. It is impossible to eliminate the risk completely, only to reduce it in an attempt to stop the negative effects of a food borne disease outbreak.

Unfortunately, the current scientific research shows the risks associated with raw food products is increasing. One area of increased risk is the greater incidence of multidrug resistant bacteria being found on farms and on agricultural products. These pathogens are resistant to the standard treatment offered by the medical profession, require extraordinary measures to manage and put patients at greater risk for a poor prognosis and outcome. The historic evidence illustrates that about 90 % of the food borne outbreaks associated with raw milk have occurred in states that regulate the sale of the product. Several states that allow the sale of raw milk have just revised their regulations in an attempt to deal with this problem. California, for example, in response to an disease outbreak (September 2006) in January 2007 tightened the regulations regarding the sale of raw milk. It is not possible to eliminate the risk associated with raw milk but it may be reduced by pasteurization. If you are interested in finding more information concerning the outbreak in California or other states, I would encourage you to contact the state health departments involved in the investigation since I have found this information to be most accurate.

In evaluating the risk of food borne disease related to dairy products, I focus on the dairy products and only compare the risks associated with raw milk in comparison to pasteurized milk products. Using this comparison the risks associated with raw milk products are significantly greater. It is important to remember that pasteurized milk is not sterilized and as I mentioned there is risk associated with all food products. In this case the logic is sound, compare the risks associated with similar food groups, use regulations to minimize the risk of disease as

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best as we are able to protect public health.

Thank you for your email,  
Bob Gerlach

Robert F Gerlach VMD  
Alaska State Veterinarian  
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Anchorage, AK 99507  
(907) 375-8214 FAX: (907) 929-7335

Bob.gerlach@alaska.gov

**Do you have livestock?**

You need a premises identification number.

Please call (907) 375 8200 to register

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**From:** thelder [mailto:tianih@mtaonline.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 7:34 AM

**To:** McLaughlin, Joseph B (HSS); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Easton, Dan (DEC); Ryan, Kristin J (DEC); Fuller, Jay D (DEC); Rice, Cherie L (DEC); Havemeister, Franci A (DNR); Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); rainy4279@aol.com; rep\_carl\_gatto@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_mark\_neuman@legis.state.ak.us; goatmilk@gci.net; rqw@mtaonline.net; safallon@aol.com; Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Green, Lyda N (LAA); artemisdreaming@hotmail.com; rep\_anna\_fairclough@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_craig\_johnson@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_scott\_kawasaki@legis.state.ak.us; Roses, Bob (LAA); Edgmon, Bryce E (LAA); Guttenberg, David (LAA); Kelly, Mike (LAA); Seaton, Paul (LAA); Willson, Peggy A (LAA); Gerlach, Robert F (DEC)

**Cc:** Silveraurora

**Subject:** HB: 367

**Importance:** High

I wish to voice my support in favor of raw milk, and raw milk products sales.

There are a number of reasons for my wholehearted support-

Alaskans are already able to either grow, catch, or harvest quite a number of raw products (shellfish, fishes, berries, wild game, vegetables they grow, and other edibles from the wildlands) locally. From subsistence hunter/gatherers, to suburban residents who scour the forest for mushrooms, fiddle head ferns and edible greens to enhance a healthy diet, we are well versed in proper and safe food handling and preparation. Why would raw milk be any different?

In the stores are 100s of raw products from unknown locations that are subjected to tremendous shipping lengths- such as eggs, milk products, fruits, vegetables, fish, and of course grocery shelves brimming with "short shelf life" meats of all kinds. Also deli meats and foods prepared thousands of miles away and offered to Alaskans every day. On many of these products, there is no signage informing the consumer where the product came from, let alone when it was harvested or prepared. Just an "expiration date" on refrigerated items.

With fresh, local raw milk and milk products, I will know where the milk comes from. I will be able to see for myself the farming practises, examine the premises and make an informed decision about whether to purchase it for my family. I cannot do this with imported milk! Instead, I am forced to buy milk that often "goes off" in the gallon jug within days of opening. If the farm does not meet my personal criteria for safe handling, then I can chose another producer. I cannot do this as it is today. A "short shelf life" is of no concern to me, as raw milk will undoubtedly be fresher and healthier than what is shipped in currently. I have always supported Alaskan products in my

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purchases, why should fresh *local* dairy products be out of my reach?

As a mother and consumer, I cannot even identify produce in grocery stores that comes from countries whose production methods are questionable. When there is a recall of some type, we are at the "end of the food chain" and thus, most of the item has already been purchased and in many cases consumed. With local raw milk and raw milk products, we would indeed have dairy items "fresher by far" and people who have health concerns would have a *choice*. *I want this choice for myself and my family.*

Since I do not farm, or have dairy animals of any type, I am unable to provide this healthy alternative (raw milk) to my family. The decision to restrict sales seems to be based upon inaccurate and unproven reports of disease and/or illness in the Lower 48. Most were "attributed" to very large scale operations, which is not the situation we have here in Alaska. Here we have a handful of struggling dairies and small livestock owners, and I say we should let the Alaska consumer prove their viability, instead of choking off an entire market sector with unnecessary and outdated regulations.

As a person who has lived in several remote spots in Alaska in the 60s and 70s, I can firmly state that canned, powdered, and air shipped milk are inferior in quality to raw milk. I do recall times when "the barge" was either lost, or delayed....meaning no milk (or produce) available at all, sometimes for weeks. I have heard that there are dairy animals in the Bush....why restrict raw milk, which is healthier, and *fresh*, from those communities? Is that a wise "use" of community resources?

In my mind, the issue of raw milk sales in Alaska is about choice. I want the *freedom to chose* for myself and my family! Having the choice to purchase direct from the farmer or producer supports not only Alaska agriculture, but the health of our residents.

In a time when diversifying our tiny agricultural base is crucial to our future, it would seem obvious that Alaska should join the other 28 states who allow raw milk sales.

I urge you to support sales of raw milk and raw milk products with HB 367

Respectfully

Tiani Heider  
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Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:04 PM  
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:46 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. MICHAEL DEBERRY  
address: 101 S BURBANK DRIVE APT C-38 MONTGOMERY AL 36117

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin:

I am distressed about news reports indicating you might accept invitation to become the 2008 GOP presidential running mate. please, please, please disavow these reports publically and confirm to your constituents and fans outside of the great state of Alaska that you serve out your entire as Governor (and run for re-election)...

a Sarah Palin fan in Montgomery, AL

michael.deberry@adss.alabama.gov

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 3:24 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Vanguard 1-14

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**From:** Michaela Goertzen [mailto:mgoertzen@institutenorth.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 3:21 PM  
**To:** mgoertzen@institutenorth.org  
**Subject:** Vanguard 1-14

Dear Reader:

Attached please find this week's issue of the Vanguard, a newsletter providing information on national security for state and local policymakers. We thank you for your interest and support, and invite your comments.

Best Regards,

Mead Treadwell, Senior Fellow and Director, Security and Defense Program

Michaela Goertzen, Research Associate and Editor  
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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:03 PM  
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Elections

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:52 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Jordan  
address: 713 Shipman Mtn. Ct. Windsor CO 80550

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:

I/We've heard rumblings within the State of Colorado about your name being thrust into the selection process as a potential choice for Vice President upon the Republican ticket. Your party and country needs you please give it some serious consideration.

Respectfully,

T.R. Jordan

Tombawp@hotmail.com

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 11:51 AM  
**To:** Frank Bailey  
**Cc:** K Perry Yahoo; Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC)  
**Subject:** Climate Change task force/boards

Frank: Gerd Wendler, UAF professor (my sister-in-law's dad), is offering to serve on anything having to do with climate change impacts- he wrote the book "The Climate of Alaska" (Chuck sent a copy to Larry Hartig)... thanks

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:41 AM  
**To:** Yocom; Lauren J (GOV)  
**Cc:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Castle; Lillian K (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Budget

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:49 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Mr. James Reynolds  
address: 864 Pemberton Drive Spring Creek NV 89815  
775-777-9104

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:

I am a former resident of Alaska (1978-2006) and, after 23 years on the regular UAF faculty, am now Professor Emeritus. During my faculty tenure, I witnessed one underlying problem that affected students, faculty and staff: facility limitations. Although one can dismiss this as a common problem everywhere, that does not negate the need to address specific problems, especially for students.

SB 221 offers an opportunity to address the specific needs of students at UAF through the construction of a Biosciences Facility (BIOS). The building will benefit many UAF students. All students are required to take science courses and many choose to take biology. Biology is also the largest undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. program at UAF. The facility will help retain quality faculty, which in turn attracts the best students

I urge you to use your influence to see that this facility becomes a reality. Thank you.

James B. Reynolds, PhD

ffjbr@uaf.edu

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 4:37 AM  
**To:** Karen Rehfeld; Governor Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow; kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Fairbanks News-Miner/Congressional Earmarks

I think that Robert Dillon's story below came out pretty well for us. Hopefully, we can move on to other things with the Congressional delegation.

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## **Ted Stevens to reveal requests for earmarks**

By R. A. Dillon

Published Wednesday, February 27, 2008

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens says he will begin later this week to post all of the earmark requests his office has received from local communities and the state.

The move comes in response to calls from some national Republicans for greater transparency in the federal budget process and, specifically, criticism from Gov. Sarah Palin of the congressional delegation's use of earmarks to send millions of dollars home annually.

"There is some allegation that Senator Stevens pulls these requests out of thin air during the appropriation process," said Aaron Saunders, spokesman for Stevens. "By posting these on our Web site, we'll be able to demonstrate to Alaskans exactly where these requests come from."

Stevens plans to post all of the earmark requests he's received from state and municipal governments and private organizations for fiscal year 2009, Saunders said. The deadline for submitting earmark requests was Feb. 15.

The delegation is concerned that there's a disconnect between what the governor says in public and the funding requests that have been submitted by her administration, an Alaska congressional aide said on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak on the issue.

The state has requested 31 earmarks in fiscal year 2009. Of those, 22 represent continuing appropriations from previous years, four have been funded intermittently in the past and only five requests are new.

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The state's funding requests are in line with the governor's call in December to reduce the number of earmarks to no more than 10 or 12, excluding ongoing appropriations and earmarks for the Alaska National Guard, said John Katz, the governor's Washington spokesman.

"We have reduced the total number of earmark requests from 54 last year to 31," Katz said. "The total amount of money requested has gone down from \$550 million to less than \$200 million."

Katz met with Stevens on Monday morning to assure the senator that the state supported efforts to shine more light on the earmark process and that the governor was not trying to pick a fight with the delegation.

"I don't see any problem with Sen. Stevens posting the state's earmark requests," Katz said. "We believe they all pass muster in terms of the criteria set forth by the congressional delegation and the Bush administration."

"In each instance, there's a strong federal nexus, citizen support and reliance on an open and transparent process," Katz said. "In addition, we've included state matching funds wherever possible."

In an interview here on Saturday, Palin said the state's congressional delegation needed to change with the times and significantly curb their use of congressional earmarks.

"We can either put our heads in the sand and ignore the reforms that are coming or we can be proactive and get Alaska in a position to be more productive, contributing more and become less reliant on the federal government," Palin said.

The comments hit a nerve with Alaska's senior senator, who is renown for his ability to direct federal dollars back to the state through the earmark process.

Stevens, also a Republican, ranked second in the Senate in the number of earmarks he salted into spending bills in 2007. According to the nonprofit budget watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense, Stevens snagged \$389 million in earmarks for projects back home.

Critics of earmarks say the process is rife for abuse by powerful lawmakers who can direct federal spending to pet projects with little or no oversight.

Stevens has repeatedly defended the use of earmarks, though, arguing that they give Congress more say over how federal dollars are spent.

"The important thing to consider is that each of these requests come from a borough, city, community or local organization," Saunders said.

Stevens supports efforts to make the budget process more transparent and has agreed to adhere to new rules adopted in the Senate requiring both the sponsor and beneficiary to be listed on each earmark, Saunders said.

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"The appropriation process is not done in a smoke-filled room in the dead of night," Saunders said. "There's a process and these bills are vetted over several months."

Katz said the governor is not against the use of earmarks as long as they meet certain standards.

"She understands Congress' responsibility to appropriate funds, and earmarking is part of that responsibility," Katz said.

Stevens has repeatedly warned the state that earmarking is on the decline and that important infrastructure projects will require greater share from the state in the future.

"Stevens has gone before the Legislature for years telling them that federal support is going to slow down and that there has to be more support from the state," Saunders said. "It's clear that the state is finally getting the message."

President Bush warned Congress last month that he would veto appropriation bills that exceed his \$988 billion budget request for non-military spending for fiscal year 2009 and for cutting the number of earmarks in half.

He also issued an order to federal agencies directing them to ignore earmarks in the reports that accompany spending bills, which are not legally binding. Instead, to be funded an earmark would have to be included in the language of the appropriation bill, which requires a vote by the full committee.

On Tuesday, South Carolina Republican Sen. Jim DeMint said he plans to offer an amendment in the upcoming Senate budget resolution that would establish a year-long moratorium on earmarks.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

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**From:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** Sarah Palin  
**Subject:** Dennis Hardy - Marine Highway

Governor,

DOT will be sending a release today announcing the resignation of Dennis Hardy. Leo will send me a draft before it goes out but I expect it will be very brief. We are also planning on touching base personally with several coastal legislators. If asked about a replacement, I plan on passing along a comment that the House Finance Committee has eliminated the Deputy Commissioner position so there is uncertainty on how we will proceed. I would also like to pass along that Privileged or Personal Material Redacted  
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Mike

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:50 PM  
**To:** Mike Tibbles; Governor Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** kris.perry@alaska.gov; Mike Nizich; Frank Bailey  
**Subject:** DC Office/personnel changes

Sam Bishop advised me today that he and his wife have decided to move back to Fairbanks. They and their children want to be closer to family and friends. Sam will be leaving the DC office effective July 1.

As Allison Nyholm has mentioned, she will be getting married and moving to Salt Lake City. Her last day in the DC office will be sometime in May.

I am sorry to loose both of them. They have been excellent public servants, but I respect their decision that family always comes first.

I wanted you to be aware of these developments rather than hearing about them from the Alaska grapevine. Of course, their leaving will have a significant impact on the DC office, and I'm beginning to think about competent replacements. If either of you or the other addressees on this email have thoughts about possible candidates, please let me know. In the meantime, I will look around myself both in Alaska and among Alaskans back here.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:53 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin  
**Subject:** FW: Ladonna Westfall

Governor – Email to you. Janice

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**From:** kdl@mtaonline.net [mailto:kdl@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:59 AM  
**To:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** Ladonna Westfall

Sarah,

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Also, I am waiting to hear from your office regarding if you can attend my Grand Re-opening and ribbon cutting here at Curves in Big Lake at the end of March. I will schedule it around you if you think that it is something that you would like to do.

Love to all,

Dana Lipse

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:04 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin; fek9wnr@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08  
  
**Importance:** High

Governor - Reggie Joule's nephew died (Russ Kelly emailed you last week on this). Rep. Kerttula was asking if you had touched base with Reggie by phone in this regards. Request came from Russ Kelly. Thank you, Janice

Wed. - Friday 02.27-02.29.08      7:00 p.m. - Chugiak - Peterscreek Christian Church - Drs. Christian and Robin Harfouche - Miracle Crusade Revival - If your able to attend they would like to meet w/you and share their vision they have for the people of Alaska.

Thursday - 02.28.08      9:00 - 9:25 a.m. - Mat-Su Job Center - Governor  
invited to present (3) certi

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**From:** Cayce, Sunny C (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SCCAYCE]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 1:37 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** RE: Other

I'll take it.

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Other

Is this something that Nizich would do or would Randy do this???

Donna

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:58 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: morgan tucker

address: 410 rogers road kenai AK 99611

### MESSAGE:

In biology we are doing the caring for the kenai projects, and i am researching what to do in case of a tsunami. I haven't really ever learned about what to do. i can't find very helpful sites either. Do you know where we should go incase of an emergency? How far inland do we drive? in kenai is there a specific place we should go? Growing up on the kenai peninsula i know that there is not many people know about what to do, and we need to know! thank you.

dont\_-\_judge\_-\_me@hotmail.com